

**MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 8, 2009**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 2009, 6 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Zupkofska, Ms. O'Brien and Town Administrator Chiocca present.
Mr. Johnson is absent as he is out of state on business.

Mr. Chiocca explained to the BOS the need for the unusual Thursday meeting to meet the 35 day requirement of a BOS vote prior to holding an election. Since the date for the election had been moved from December 4, 2009 to November 14, 2009 the BOS needed to meet tonight.

Mr. Chiocca further explained the timetable for the Rockland had been planned prior to the decision by the State to hold a special election to fill the U.S. Senator vacancy on December 8, 2009. The close timing of the two elections 4 days apart would place a strain of the Town Clerk's office.

School Superintendent additionally explained the "experts" had advised him Rockland could save in excess of \$300,000 by moving the timetable up. Also this would provide an additional month at the end of the construction schedule allowing more time to make the transfer into the new facility.

~Motion to ask the BOS to include a provision to not adopt a restrictive policy on competitive bidding, by Mr. Zupkofska, NO 2nd.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to call for a Special Election to be held on November 14, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. passed 4-0.

~Motion by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to submit the question below for the special election

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the design, engineering, permitting, equipping and construction of a new John W. Rogers Middle School and a renovated Rockland High School, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes _____

No _____

~Motion passed 3-1(Zupkofska)

Mr. Chiocca noted:

Mr. Johnson who is out of state on business requested it be reported he supports the ballot question and the calling for an election on Nov 14, 2009 to support the School Debt Exclusion.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 6:15 pm

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

**Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice-Chairman
Board of Selectmen**

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